or more transactions per day and at certain satellite locations. These include 12 stations and one satellite location in Kerala. Computerised issue of unreserved tickets has been introduced at 55 important stations including six in Kerala and a beginning has been made with the installation of Interactive Voice Response System for answering telephonic enquiries relating to reservation status and for those relating to train arrival/ departure at a few stations.

(b) and (c). Expansion of computerised service is a continuing process. In the Annual Plan for 1996-97 it is proposed to provide computerised reservation facilities at Alleppey station and computerise issue of unreserved tickets at Quilon, Chengannur, Kottayam, Eranakulam North Alwaye, Trichur, Guruvayoor, Shoranur, Tirur and Tellicherry.

Looting in Trains

2143. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of trains carrying foodgrains looted during the last two years; and

(b) the steps being taken to avert such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The number of trains carrying foodgrains looted during the last two years is as under :

Year	Number of trains looted
1994-95	3
1995-96	10

(b) The following steps are being taken to avoid such incidents :

1. Escorting of trains carrying foodgrains over vulnerable sections as far as possible.
2. Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other affected areas/sections.
3. Joint checking at interchange points to take stock of the condition of the wagons/seals carrying foodgrains.
4. RPF armed pickets are posted/deployed in vulnerable sections as far as possible.
5. Based on criminal intelligence, raids and searches are conducted on the dens of criminals/receivers of stolen property in order to bring them to book.
6. Close coordination between RPF, GRP and local police is maintained at various levels to apprehend criminals and receivers of stolen property.

[Translation]

Plantation along Rivers

2144. DR SATYANARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any scheme for plantation of trees along the rivers to prevent soil erosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon during each of the last three years, river-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c). Under the National River Conservation Plan, Yamuna Action Plan and Gomati Action Plan, provisions have been kept for afforestation at the banks of the rivers in towns covered under these Action Plans. The Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) on afforestation are under formulation in the concerned State Governments. So far, no expenditure has been incurred on afforestation under the River Action Plans.

Electrification of Rail Line

2145. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the work of electrification of rail line between Badkakana and Dehrion-Sone of Bihar is likely to be completed;

(b) the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the estimated cost of this project in the beginning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Section Dehri-on-Sone to Son Nagar is already electrified. Electrification work of rail line between Son Nagar and Barkakana is in progress and is likely to be completed by March '98.

(b) Rs. 180 crore approximately.

(c) Rs. 103 crore approximately at 1991 price level.

[English]

Corrosive Gases Emission

2146. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the concentration of gases such as sulphur dioxide, oxides of Nitrogen and Carbon di-oxide in Guwahati;